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**HAVE A BEARY HAPPY  
NEW YEAR!!**

**January Meeting:**  
**POOLDISK TOO – CD-ROM containing  
more than 5000 8-bit disks!!**

## **GENERAL MEETING**

**Tuesday  
January 5th 1999  
8:00PM**

**St. Leander School  
Davis Street – San Leandro**



## Minutes & Stuff!

The best meeting of the year, at least the most filling. President Robbie Bridges started the meeting on time with all the Officers in their places, with forks and spoons at the ready. The December meeting may not have the hundreds of people at them as we did years ago but the ice cream and cake tasted every bit as good.

President Bridges brought enough prizes for the crooked raffle to do justice to the annual party meeting. As promised last month Robbie has completed the excavation of his house so future raffles may not be quite as well stocked.

Bob Woolley came up with the interesting display and demonstration of the evening with the very rare Atari Stacey and an Atari portable PC. After checking out the Stacey it is little wonder that not much happened with that particular machine. It was to say the least a handful. It weighs in at a bit more than Volkswagen and would give a hernia to anyone that attempted to carry it around. Of course that was not a big deal back in the years when the Stacey was originally released, but the powers that be even then must have known that it was a real problem.

Atari's portable PC was a horse of a different color. It was planned at the beginning of the end and was probably too little too late. The best thing that could be said about the portable is that it at least weighted in at less than the Stacey did. Certainly not one of Atari's better done pieces of equipment, although if done a bit earlier and given some time to mature it could have flown.

Stan won the cake-eating contest with Terry a very close second. (Terry would have won easily but had sampled a couple of plates of cake and ice cream before the contest began, still eleven pieces isn't bad.)

With everybody full the meeting died a very pleasant death.

## Stuff!

New stuff at this end, I have finally gotten out of the depressed modem world. Up until December eighteenth I was able to operate on line at a dismal 26,400 maximum. Some odd

ball equipment used on the area's phone lines brought this on. On the aforementioned date I graduated to a cable modem courtesy of TCI @home cable system and a hundred bucks.

This has so far been a very good investment with modem speeds many times the previous level. And the big deal is the download speed. The best speed for downloads used to be about 2.7 kps, since the cable I have seen speeds of over 100 kps. Not bad considering it is on a 486 which is not really able to keep up with those speeds. Who knows what those speeds will be if I upgrade to a 500. Hmmm.

**Jim Moran Secretary**

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